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TOPIC Soviet Loadings in the Area of the Halle Railroad District

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REMARKS

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The following is a list of Soviet loadings made at 31 railroad stations in the Halle railroad district in August 1953:

1. Total Shipments:

Note: The figure in brackets under Load indicates the number of cars with a given load.

From	Number of Cars	Load
Altenhain	30	military goods
Belgern	22	2 trains with undetermined load ¹
Boehlen	1018	brown coal tar oil (526) ² and fuel ³
Collmen-Boehlitz	182	crushed rock ⁴
Dessau	?	3 troop trains
Domnitzsch	2	timber
Eisleben	6	boxes
Engelsdorf	6	military goods
Falkenberg	2	military goods
Grosskorbetha	227	fuel ³
Grimma	9	motor vehicles (6) and other military goods
Halle	90	2 trains with undetermined load ¹ (36) and military goods

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Heilighenthal	2	sand	
Jessen	167	7 trains with undetermined load	5
Leipzig-Plagwitz	776	gravel	4
Leipzig	156	foodstuff (76), hardware (26) and other military goods	
Lueptitz	24	crushed rock	4
Merseburg	11	1 train with undetermined load	1
Meinsdorf	3	tanks	
Mockrehna	7	ammunition and timber	
Neuwiederitzsch	1	military goods	
Rositz	5	sugar	
Rosalau	5	military goods	
Rueckmarsdorf	92	2 troop trains	
Seelingstaedt	256	crushed rock	
Taucha	13	tanks (3) and other military goods	
Torgau	1	nets	
Wildschuetz	142	crushed rock	4
Wittenberg	91	5 trains with undetermined load (85) and tanks	1
Wurzen	325	foodstuff (298) and other military goods	
Zerbst	13	tanks	6

2. Some of the above shipments are broken down below:

August 1953	Number of Cars	Load and Tons	From	To
19	4 B	military goods 40 tons	Altenhain	Toepchin
14	3 B	" 30 tons	"	Crawinkel
27	2 B	" 20 tons	"	"
5 + 28	4 B	" 40 tons	"	Ohrdruf
27	4 B	" 40 tons	"	Lossa
25	3 B	" 30 tons	"	Jena
25-28	10 B	" 100 tons	"	Gera, Gotha, Eulaben, Altengrabow, Mechterstaedt

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10	-	4 boxes	Altenburg	Berlin-Gruenau		25X1
6	1 B 3 F/S 5 SS	undetermined 360 tons	Belgern	Schwennitz,	} 7	25X1
10	2 B 11 SS	" 200 tons	Belgern	Schwepnitz)		25X1
1-31 July 14	182 G	crushed rock	Collmen-Boehlitz	Vogelsang		
		1 troop train 530 tons	Dessau	Neubukow	} 8	
		1 troop train 660 tons	"	"		
25		1 troop train 140 tons	"	Luebben		9
1-28	6 B	boxes	Eisleben	Kapen		
18	2 B	military goods 13 tons	Falkenberg	Dallgow		
6	6 F/S	motor vehicles	Grimma	Weimar		
2	14 (46 a)	military goods 310 tons	Halle	Wolmirstedt	} 10	25X1
6	22	" 380 tons	"	Ohrdruf		
9	1 SS	poles	Halle,	Rathenow, North		25X1
28	1 SS	tank, 45 tons	Halle,	Hohenstein- Ernstthal,		25X1
	2 B	engines	Halle,	Muellrose,		
9	2 F/S	poles	Halle-Trotha	Rathenow-North		25X1
1-30	4 F/S	vehicles	Halle-South	Behagen-Klausdorf		
	2 F/S	"	"	Stendal		
	16 F/S	"	"	Ellerholz, Wustermark, Brand, Fuerstenwalde, Werneuchen, Brandenburg, Welzow, Grossanhain, Parchim, Schwerin, Magdeburg, Haldens- leben, Jaevenitz, Tangermuende, Fillersleben		

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1-30	3 F/S	vehicles	Halle-South	Dranse	
10	35	undetermined 122 tons	Jessen, []	Jueterbog, Altes Lager	25X1
13	27	" 137 tons	"	"	25X1
14	27	" 375 tons	"	"	
19	21	" 217 tons	"	Altruippin	
26	22	" 290 tons	"	Jueterbog, Altes Lager	
28	25	" 288 tons	"	"	
24	7	military goods 53 tons	Jessen, []	Fuerstenwalde-South, []	25X1
1-31	-	military goods	Jessen	Altenhain, Roederau, Dannenwalde, Finow, Altengrabow, Pfaffendorf, Chemnitz, Mockrehna	
1-31	776 G	gravel	Leipzig-Flagwitz	Vogelsang	
2-25	24 B	hardware	Leipzig-Gross- zschocher	Muellrose, []	25X1
21+22	12 F/S	pontoons	Leipzig-Wahren	Fuerstenwalde	25X1
14+26	4 B	military goods	Leipzig-Wahren	Frankfurt/Oder, Apolda	25X1
31	2 F/S	windlasses	"	Schwepnitz, []	
8+29	10 B	motor vehicles refrigerators	Leipzig-Eutritzsch	Fuerstenwalde-South, []	25X1
1-8	24 G	crushed rock	Lueptitz	Vogelsang	25X1
31	10	undetermined 100 tons	Merseburg	Mechterstaedt	
18	3 RRY	tanks, 255 tons	Meinsdorf	Haldensleben	
10	4 B	ammunition 60 tons	Mockrehna	Kapen, []	25X1
1+7	1 B 3 F/S	military goods 42 Tons	Rosslau	Finsterwalde, Eberswalde	

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19	82 a	military goods	Rueckmarsdorf	Schwepnitz	} 11. 25X1
		300 tons			
	102 a	" 280 tons	"	"	
					25X1
1-20	256 G	crushed rock	Seelingstaedt	Vogelsang	
10+21	3 RRY	tanks, 170 tons	Taucha	Schwepnitz	
7+14	4 B	textiles	"	Eisenspalterei	
27	1 B	nets	Torgau	Fuerstenwalde	
					25X1
1-31	142 G	crushed rock	Wildschuetz	Vogelsang	
2	14	undetermined	Wittenberg	Justerbog	} 12
	(76a)	673 tons			
5	11	" 420 tons	"	"	
	(52a)				
	5	" 350 tons	"	"	
	(30a)				
7	26	" 410 tons	"	"	
	(136a)				
8	6	" 120 tons	"	"	
	(28a)				
16	23	" 570 tons	"	"	
	(94a)				
19+29	2 RRY	tanks, 100 tons	"	Wuensdorf	
6	4 B	engines	"	Kummersdorf	
1-31	28 B	tank spare parts	Wurzen, []	Muellrose	25X1
29	1 B	wire ropes	Wurzen, Tewa	Wuensdorf, []	25X1
1	1 B	military goods	Zerbst	Lindau	
	13 F	705 tons			

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Note: a stands for axles

B - Boxcar
 F - Flatcar
 F/S - Flatcar with sideracks
 G - Gondola car
 RRY - Heavy duty flatcar
 SS - " " "

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1. Comment. Probably troop shipments.
2. Comment. Export shipments to Most, Czechoslovakia, which have erroneously been listed under shipments of Soviet occupation forces. The trains were reported previously.
3. Comment. The essential drop in the volume of fuel shipments from the hydrogenation plants was commented on previously. The delivery rate from Grosskorbetha again was below the monthly average volume, while that from Boehlen was about 40 percent above the monthly average volume.
4. Comment. Shipments of construction material for the enlargement of Schorfheide airfield.
5. Comment. Presumably gun and army equipment shipments, as a large artillery and weapons depot of the GDFG is located in Jessen definitely indicates that the trains carried supply goods.
6. Comment. Twenty-one of the 31 railroad stations mentioned were compared with those listed during the preceding month. The comparison showed that considerably more shipments were loaded in August than in July in Boehlen, in Jessen and at the loading stations for construction material shipment. If actual and probable troop shipments as well as construction material shipments for Schorfheide airfield are omitted, there remain 1,532 carloads for the supply traffic, which number corresponds with the average monthly volume for the first half year of 1953 and indicates that supply traffic is normal.
7. Comment. Belgern railroad station is located on the west bank of the Elbe River, southeast of Torgau. Although no pertinent information is available, there is no doubt that units, including tanks of the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, of the 8th Gds Mecz Div from Leisnig returned to Koenigsbrueck upon completion of an exercise on 6 and 10 August. The regiment is thus confirmed until 6 August. An engineer unit which had participated in the exercise possibly followed on 10 August.
8. Comment. These two trains with medium AAA units of the 62d AAA Div are known from previous reports.
9. Comment. Headquarters, signal and AAA units of the Eighth Gds Army transferred from Thuringia to Luebben on trains from 26 to 28 August 1953. As shipment record follows the abovementioned series, the unit probably was also to participate in the command-post exercise, as did the element of the Eighth Gds Army. There are however no indications which unit went from Dessau to Luebben.
10. Comment. The shipment on 2 August is reported for the first time. It is assumed that a unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div went to Ohrdruf for short-term practices on 6 August.

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11. Comment. The two trains presumably carried elements of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which were observed [redacted] at the northern exit of Markranstaedt, headed toward Leipzig, on the morning of 19 August. [redacted] 25X1
12. Comment. The trains with units of the 6th Gds Tank Div were previously reported. They included train [redacted] on 2 August, train [redacted] on 5 August, train [redacted] on 7 August, train [redacted] on 8 August and train [redacted] on 16 August. 25X1
13. Field Comment. [redacted] confirms the Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div in Halle until 28 August. [redacted] is reported for the first time. [redacted] belongs to the OATB of the transport aircraft regiment of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army which was formerly stationed in Schoenefeld and is now stationed at Altloennowitz airfield. The other [redacted] belong to railroad transportation control offices and supply installations. 25X1

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